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Claim 17 has been canceled. Claim 18 has been amended to be in independent form and to include all of the limitations of claim 17, which is the base claim from which claim 18 previously depended. Amendments to claim 18 also include deletion of the word, “first,” which has become moot in view of previous amendments to the claims. Claim 19 has been amended to add the word, “and” to the eighth line of that claim.

Claims 1-16 and 18-21 have been indicated as allowable. However, claim 18 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-16 and 18-21 are allowable over the prior art of record because none of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests a system or method for determining whether the cartridge stamp needs to be updated and then updating it accordingly if necessary, wherein the cartridge stamp is stored in a cartridge memory located within a tape cartridge.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claim 17 has been canceled as indicated herein above. The rejection of claim 17 is therefore moot.

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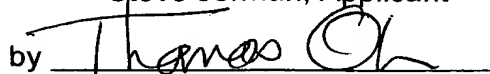
SUMMARY

The Applicant believes this response constitutes a full and complete reply to the Office action mailed on 02/17/2005. The Applicant further believes that claims 1-16 and 18-21 are in allowable form, and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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